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I was occupied in the office during the morning and was guest of honor at the American Club Lunch, which took place as usual at the Cercle Inter-Alliés. I made a speech.

This afternoon Tommy and I attended the meeting of the Interim Committee of the EDC. It was evident [redacted] the Representatives of all nations except the French were dissatisfied with the French protocols. After [redacted] considerable debate, the Dutch and Belgians taking the lead, agreement was reached that the Committee of Jurists would sort out the differences and attempt to make progress toward a solution. Although the attitude of all of the Delegates toward one another was friendly, it is quite evident there is general resentment against what is considered the obstructive and delaying tactics forced upon the conference by the French Government.

I had a talk with Lombardo after the meeting. He is returning to Italy tomorrow to take part in the debate there in the Lower House of Parliament on the EDC Treaty. He feels [redacted] it is certain to be favorably acted upon.

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